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EXCHANGES 73/45

THERE FOLLOWS A SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKLY REPORT
PREPARED IN CU/EA FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER 7-13, 1973:

1. ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION (UNCLASSIFIED). BOSTON
MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS THIS WEEK PLANS CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL
EXHIBIT ENTITLED "UNEARTHING CHINA'S PAST". INCLUDED
WILL BE ITEMS FROM NEW ENGLAND HOLDINGS AND PHOTOS FROM
PRC PARIS AND TOKYO SHOWS. MUSEUM SAYS NEW PRC ARTIFACTS
SUBSTANTIALLY ENHANCE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF ARTIFACTS LONG
HELD IN WEST. MUSEUM WILL HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 14.

2. SECURITY FOR PRC DELEGATIONS (CONFIDENTIAL). FIRST
TEST OF OUR NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITING
PRC DELEGATIONS CAME THIS WEEK WHEN VICE PRESIDENT OF
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY REFUSED TO PERMIT TWO
PLAIN-CLOTHESMEN ASSIGNED BY CLEVELAND POLICE TO
ACCOMPANY PRC MEDICAL DELEGATION ON CAMPUS. ISSUE
WAS REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT SY MEN WITH PRC DELEGATION
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WHO BACKED UP CLEVELAND POLICE; WE BACKED SY SAYING, IN

EFFECT, NO PLAIN-CLOTHESMEN NO CASE VISIT. BASIC ISSUE WAS OUR POSITION THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY OF PRC DELEGATIONS AND ONLY SY CAN MAKE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT ABOUT EXTENT OF SECURITY NECESSARY FOR THEIR PROTECTION. CASE VICE PRESIDENT REVIEWED MATTER AND WITHDREW HIS OBJECTION.

3. LINGUISTS DELEGATION (CONFIDENTIAL). DELEGATION ARRIVED WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 8 ON AIR FRANCE FLIGHT WHICH WAS QUITE LATE. WE ARE SUGGESTING TO PRCLO US AIRLINES MIGHT BE BETTER AND ARE OFFERING OUR ADVICE AND EXPERIENCE IN MAKING AIR BOOKINGS. PRCLO OFFICER HSIEH CH'I-MEI WILL JOIN LINGUISTS AFTER NEW YORK VISIT AND ACCOMPANY GROUP FOR REST OF US TOUR; CHANG CHIH-HSIANG WILL BE WITH DELEGATION FOR ENTIRE VISIT AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED CHINESE HAVE ASKED THAT VISIT TO SETON HALL SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 18 BE CANCELLED, ALTHOUGH SOME OF SETON HALL PEOPLE CONCERNED WITH CHINESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM WILL BE INVITED TO MEET CHINESE LINGUISTS IN NEW YORK. SETON HALL PROGRAM HAS LARGE NUMBER OF CHINESE FROM HONG KONG AND TAIWAN, AND SCHOOL IS REPUTED TO BE BASTION OF PRO-ROC SENTIMENT. SETON HALL VISIT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY TO MINIMIZE CHANCES OF INCIDENT AND WAS INCLUDED CHIEFLY BECAUSE SETON HALL IS SITE OF CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION. UNUSUAL CHINESE REQUEST TO CANCEL ALREADY ESTABLISHED PROGRAM (PRESUMABLY AGREED UPON EARLIER BY CHINESE) SHOWS PRCLO DOES ITS HOMEWORK; BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY REQUEST CAME AT LAST MINUTE.

4. PRC REACTION TO AAU "SUSPENSION" OF US SWIMMERS (CONFIDENTIAL). SECRETARY OF ALL CHINA SPORTS FEDERATION QUOTED AS SAYING PRC "DEEPLY AFFRONTED" BY AAU SUSPENSION OF US SWIMMERS WHO WENT TO PRC LAST JUNE AND SO IS HALTING ALL FURTHER ATHLETIC CONTACTS WITH US. IN FACT AAU MOVE PROMPTED NOT BY ANTI-PRC SENTIMENTS BUT BY REGULATIONS OF PARENT INTERNATIONAL BODY; SINCE AAU HAD NO JURISDICTION OVER THESE ATHLETES THE EFFORT WAS FRUITLESS. SINCE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING SWIMMING HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED UP, BOTH SIDES PROBABLY WILL

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HAVE TO FACE THIS PROBLEM AGAIN.

5. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ORIENTALIST TO REVISIT CHINA (CONFIDENTIAL). LC'S CHINA SPECIALIST WANG CHI PLANS TO GO TO PRC AROUND TURN OF YEAR TO BUY MORE PUBLICATIONS, RENEW CONTACTS WITH PRC, AND DISCUSS PRC VISIT OF GROUP OF US LIBRARIANS IN RETURN FOR RECENT PRC LIBRARIANS US VISIT. SOME US ACADEMICS HAVE CRITICIZED LC POLICY

OF ACQUISITION FROM PRC AS BEING INSUFFICIENTLY FUNDED AND INDISCRIMINATE. THIS CAME UP AT RECENT SINOLOGISTS MEETING AT PRINCETON AND WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED PARTICULARS.

6. TALK WITH PRCLO (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE). CHANG CHIH-HSIANG CALLED AT DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 9 TO INTRODUCE WU CHU-FU (MRS. HSU HSIN-HSI) WHO WILL HANDLE CULTURAL EXCHANGE MATTERS WHILE CHANG TRAVELS WITH LINGUISTS DELEGATION. CHANG SAID PRCLO NOW HAS 35 MM FILMS TO LOAN OUT BUT FEW PRIVATE GROUPS HAVE 35 MM PROJECTORS; 16 MM FILMS ON WAY FROM PEKING AND PRCLO WILL BE READY TO LOAN THESE AFTER END OF YEAR MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS. PRCLO WILL ALSO HAVE PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE THEN FOR DISTRIBUTION UPON REQUEST. CHANG PROMISED CU/EA COPIES OF CHINA RECONSTRUCTS AND CHINA PICTORIAL IMMEDIATELY.

7. MORE TAMPERING WITH MAILS BETWEEN PRC AND US (CONFIDENTIAL). WE HAVE JUST LEARNED OF TAMPERING WITH MAILS BETWEEN PRC AND US. ONE MEMBER OF SUNY GROUP VISITED PRC IN SUMMER 1973 WAS PROMISED PRINTED MATERIAL SUBSEQUENTLY MAILED TO HER FROM CHINA; WHEN ENVELOPE REACHED HER IN US IT HAD BEEN OPENED AND ANTI-PRC MATERIAL INSERTED. WE HAVE ASKED FOR ALL DETAILS. THIS IS NOT FIRST INSTANCE OF TAMPERING W-TH MAILS, BUT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT IN EACH CASE.
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